REMARKS

Claims 68-87 remain in this application. Claims 68, 69, 78, and 79 have been amended. It is noted that the Examiner has rejected claims 68-87 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In this regard, independent claims 68 and 78 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Accordingly, the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Support for independent claim 68 may be found in FIG. 9 and on page 15, lines 12-21 to page 16, lines 1-7 of the application. Likewise, support for independent claim 78, as amended, may be found in FIG. 8 and on page 15, lines 8-12. support for dependent claim 79 may be found on page 16, lines 4-5 of the application.

Under these circumstances, applicant submits that the drawings show every feature of the invention specified in the claim, and the objection to the drawings should be removed.

It is noted that the Examiner has cited several patents in the Office Action as prior art, but did not apply them.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims (68-87) are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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